THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Stoppage of no express train at Chandauli Majhwar has now been withdrawn. Stoppage of 49/50 (New No. 3049/3050) Howrah-Amritsar Express at Tulsi Ashram was withdrawn with effect from 10.7.1981 due to lack of commercial justification.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Commercially not justified.

[*Translation*]

Maharajganj-Dronda Section

*6355. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharajganj in Bihar was connected with Dronda railway station on Barauni-Gorakhpur main line (NER);

(b) whether a survey was conducted to extend Dronda-Maharajganj rail section and connect it with Sidwalia station of Chapra-Thabi rail section;

(c) whether at the time of conversion of this main line from metre gauge to broad gauge Daronda-Maharajganj rail section was suddenly stopped;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to reopen the Dronda-Maharajganj rail section; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey was conducted only for conversion of Duraundha Maharajganj isolated branch line from M.G. to B.G. However, a fresh survey for gauge conversion from Duraundha to Maharajganj M.G. line into B.G. and provision for a new B.G. line from Maharajganj to Masrakh has been included in the Budget 1991-92.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Decision for re-opening conversion to B.G. would depend on results of the survey and availability of resources.

[*English*]

Modernisation of Sealdah Station

6356. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to modernise Sealdah Station; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sealdah is one of the 67 Railway Stations selected to be developed as Model Stations. The development scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 249.39 lakh. An amount of Rs. 133.03 lakh has been spent upto March, 1991 and the allocation for 1991-92 is Rs. 15.14 lakh.

Out of Turn Allotments of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Delhi and U.P.

6357. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies sanctioned out of turn in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the criteria adopted therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Dealerships/distributorships allotted at the discretion of the Government during 1988-91 (Upto March 1991):-

Retail Outlet Dealerships	
Delhi	18
Uttar Pradesh	20
LPG Distributorships	
Delhi	13
Uttar Pradesh	22

The allotments since December, 1989 are under review.

Malpractices in Releasing LPG Connections

6358. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to check the distribution of LPG connections in black-market by the LPG dealers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): All complaints against the LPG distributors are investigated and action is taken in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Modernisation of Trivandrum Station

6359. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far for the modernisation of the Trivandrum Station; and

(b) the target fixed for its completion as per existing schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 138.25 lakh upto March, 1991.

(b) December, 1992, subject to availability of funds.

Augmentation of Track from Silchar to Badarpur

6360. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the track between Silchar and Badarpur stations on North East-Front Railway have become very weak due to inundation by flood water and non-repair of that section for last several years; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to repair the track soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does to arise.

Baggage Delivery at Patna Airport

6361. SHRI RAMNARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties being experienced by passengers in collecting their baggages on arrival at Patna Airport; and